

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 98-863

November 17, 1998

CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY
Request to Construct Transmission Line
of 100 or More Kilovolts to Connect with
Rumford Power Associates Generating
Facility

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

On November 5, 1998, Central Maine Power Company (CMP) filed a petition with the Commission seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a new 115 kilovolt transmission line to connect the Rumford Power Associates' (RPA) generating facility in Rumford to CMP's transmission system. CMP also requested a waiver of the requirement in section 3 of Chapter 330 that CMP file a notice of intent to file a petition with the Commission at least 3 months in advance of submitting the petition.

RPA is building a new 265 megawatt gas-fired combined cycle generation system in the Rumford Industrial Park. CMP will construct a new 115 kV transmission line to connect the RPA facility to CMP's transmission system. Although by statute and rule, the Commission is to issue an order on such a petition within 6 months of the filing, CMP requests that the Commission give expedited consideration to its petition. CMP states that it has worked closely with municipal and civic leaders in the 7 municipalities through which the proposed transmission line will pass to address the municipal concerns. In addition, CMP states that it has obtained the necessary permits for 6 of the 7 municipalities and that the Company believes that the issues relating to the last municipality (Waterford) will be resolved shortly. Because of these factors, CMP believes that the Commission can resolve the issues raised by the petition expeditiously.

As required by section 3132(2) of Title 35-A, CMP stated that it sent by certified mail a complete copy of the filing to the municipal officers of each of the 7 municipalities in which the proposed line is to be located.

The Commission will conduct an adjudicatory proceeding in order to determine whether to grant CMP's petition for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct the new 115 kV transmission line to connect the RPA generating facility to CMP's transmission system. Any person who wishes to participate in this adjudicatory proceeding as a party must file a petition to intervene with the Commission's administrative director, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine, 04333-0018 by **December 1, 1998**. Copies of the petition should also be sent to Debbie Mills, Central Maine Power Company, 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, Maine, 04336. Petitions to intervene must be in writing and must state the name and the docket

number of this proceeding and the manner in which you are affected by the proceeding. Your petition must also include a short and plain statement of the nature and the extent of the participation that you seek, and a statement of the nature of the evidence and argument that you intend to present.

An initial case conference will be held on **December 2, 1998 at 11:00 a.m.** to discuss the orderly processing of this case.

Attached to this Notice is a newspaper notice that will be published in the newspaper of general circulation in CMP's service territory. This Notice will be sent to persons on the service list in Docket No. 97-580.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 17th day of November, 1998.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

James A. Buckley

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in Rumford to Central Maine Power Company's Transmission System**

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You may request that your name be added to the mailing list as an interested person. If your name is added to the mailing list as an interested person, you will receive notice of the time and place of any hearings, including public witness hearings, held in this case.

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THE COMMISSION WILL NOT PUBLISH ANY FURTHER NEWSPAPER NOTICES OF THIS PROCEEDING OR OF ANY HEARINGS THAT WILL BE HELD IN THIS PROCEEDING.

If you need more information or have questions, write to Administrative Director at the above address or call 287-3831.